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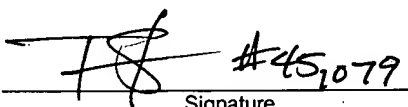
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Application Number 09/990,935-Conf. #2886		Filed November 15, 2001
For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AMORTIZING CRITICAL PATH COMPUTATIONS		
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